

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 25, 2022
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, July 25, 2022.

The following were present:

Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided
Vice-Chairman Ken Westbury
Newly Elected Councilman Richard Carson
Councilman John Nelson
Councilman Cecil Thornton
Deputy Administrator Richard Hall
Clerk to Council Shayla Jenkins
Human Resources Director Brandy Roberson

Absent: Administrator John McLauchlin

The following press was notified of the meeting by mail, electronic mail, or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: The Calhoun Times, The Times and Democrat, and Sandy Run News. An Agenda was also posted on Calhoun County's website calhouncounty.sc.gov.

Before the meeting was called to Order, Judge Jeff Bloom administered the Oath of Office to Councilmen Richard Carson, who was elected in the Special Election on July 12, 2022.

Call to Order

Chairman Haigler called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chairman Westbury made the motion to approve the July 25, 2022 meeting agenda, and was seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Agenda

The following citizens spoke:

1. Rebecca Bonnette – spoke in opposition to Form of Government ordinance and upholding Planning Commission's decision regarding the Resolution on the agenda
2. Ida Culler – spoke in opposition to Form of Government Ordinance and opposition to Sandy Run Crossing
3. Amy Hill – expressed support of Planning Commission's denial of the subdivision plan and requesting of documentation given to Council
4. Barbara Ott – supported Planning Commission's denial and asked Council to do the same
5. Margaret Taylor Nelson – expressed opposition to Form of Government Ordinance

6. Tris Waystack – remarked in opposition to subdivision
7. Clara Powell – spoke on moving back to the county, her experiences with developments and highlighted the need for infrastructure before development regarding the development plan
8. Angie Culler Matthews – spoke in support of PC denial, residents understanding of growth being managed and opposition to Form of Government ordinance.
9. Josh Rabon – gave remarks in support of the development and cited no development in the flood plain, current zoning of the property and traffic increasing regardless of the subdivision.
10. Channing Mack – spoke in opposition of the development and growth to be kept under a threshold.

Public Comments on other matters

None

Public Hearings:

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **ORDINANCE 2022-16** AN ORDINANCE TO CALL A PUBLIC REFERENDUM IN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS WISH TO KEEP THE PRESENT COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT WITH FIVE (5) COUNCIL MEMBERS OR ADOPT THE COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT WITH FIVE (5) COUNCIL MEMBERS. After questions and discussion, the Hearing was closed.

Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-16. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-16. Councilman Thornton seconded. Chairman Haigler, Vice-Chairman Westbury, Councilman Carson and Councilman Thornton voted in favor and Councilman Nelson opposed. The motion passed with 4-1 vote

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **ORDINANCE 2022-17** AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CALHOUN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE. There were no comments or questions; therefore, the Hearing was closed.

Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-17. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-17. Councilman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July 11, 2022 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

None

Appointments

None

Proclamations

None

Appearances

None

Resolutions

PRESENTATION OF A PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR A ZONING AMENDMENT FROM GATEWAY ONE DEVELOPMENT REGARDING SANDY RUN CROSSING. – Deputy Administrator, Richard Hall, spoke on the Resolution that the Planning Commission denied the request for the Zoning Amendment regarding Sandy Run.

Old Business

None

New Business

Meeting cancellation – August 8, 2022 for the SC Association of Counties Conference. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to cancel the August 8, 2022 meeting and was seconded by Councilman Nelson. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of 2022 Audit Engagement Letter - Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to approve the 2022 Audit Engagement with Mauldin and Jenkins CPAs and Advisors, and was seconded by Councilman Nelson. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

None


Administrator

None

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council